



EXTENSION OF BANKING FACILITIES

Melbourne, Australia, 18 April 2016:

Ridley Corporation Limited (**Ridley**) (**ASX: RIC**) is pleased to announce today the execution of formal agreements to extend the term and amount of its current banking facilities to accommodate a number of new feedmill projects comprising the current feedmill under construction at North East Geelong and others currently under contemplation by the Ridley Board.

Just over two years into an existing five year facility term, the company has taken advantage of the continuing favourable borrowing environment to roll over the facility for a further five years commencing from 18 April 2016. In addition to extending the facility term, the limit has been increased from \$100 million to \$160 million.

The new facility is a combination of floating core debt funding of \$80 million (reduced from \$100 million) plus an additional \$80 million of 5 year, fixed term project funding. The facility remains unsecured and subject to ongoing compliance with the four existing banking covenants comprising interest cover, debt cover, gearing and consolidated net worth.

In conjunction with the \$35 million of gross proceeds being received from the divestment of the Dry Creek, \$12 million of which has already been received to date, the facility extension is considered sufficient to finance the construction of up to three new feedmill projects in addition to the current feedmill under construction.

Ridley Chief Executive Officer Tim Hart stated “With the continuing outlook for low interest rates and the banking sector’s appetite to lend to growing businesses which are generating sustainable earnings and positive cash flow, this has been an opportune time to secure our strategic funding requirements for the next five years. Combining the new facility with our strong cash generation and asset divestment proceeds, we are well placed to execute our new feedmill strategy upon securing the third party contractual arrangements necessary for the respective projects to meet their financial hurdle requirements.”

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